

Remembering... by Valerie Giles

book launch, photos, events scrapbook

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March 2, 2015 – CNC Website and News Release

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NEWS RELEASE

For release on March 04, 2015

CNC Press publishes compilation of Prince George news articles

Local history enthusiast and author Valerie Giles has published “Remembering...”, a celebration of Prince George’s storied past, as told in articles written by Giles for her column in the Prince George Citizen from 1998-2009. The book comes out just in time for Prince George’s centennial anniversary and comprises over 560 articles about landmark moments in the city’s history. Giles, who holds a doctorate in political and administrative history, believes strongly in the importance of recording and learning from the past.

“I am grateful to the succession of [Prince George Citizen] editors who valued having a window on the past,” Giles wrote in her acknowledgements. “The fascinating people who came to make their lives here deserve to be recognized,”

The book, published by CNC Press, covers a broad range of stories from our city’s origins and throughout the last century. The articles cover topics such as Prince George’s wartime history, distinguished citizens and industry development, as well as more offbeat subjects like early-century fashion and abandoned plans for a downtown monorail.

“Remembering...” launches this Friday, March 6, where Dr. Giles will be signing copies from 2:00 on at Books & Company.

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Remembering... a celebration of Prince George's storied past, as told in articles published in the Prince George Citizen from 1998-2009

by Valerie M.E. Giles

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[New Publication Announcement](#) - Book Launch March 6, 2015 -



Mayor Lyn Hall, Chief Dominic Fredrick of Lheidli T'enneh, Ed Debu, refinery manager Husky Energy and Coun. Murry Krause stand, on Wednesday, with one of the signs that will enhance the city's parks and trails.

Prince George turning 100

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Friday marks 100 years since the incorporation of the city of Prince George and the official kickoff to the year's centennial celebration.

For the past three years, Coun. Murry Krause has headed the committee laying the groundwork for the 2015 festivities.

"One of the things we started out with was needing to let the community even know that it was going to happen – that's not really on people's radar," said Krause.

Members of the 100th anniversary committee fanned out across the city, speaking at public gatherings, to service clubs, community groups and gathering feedback.

A 2013 public input process gathered upwards of 350 suggestions, many of which have been incorporated in some way into the year's plans, said Krause.

Out of those recommendations, two main themes emerged: to celebrate the city's history and, more importantly, to

simply celebrate.

"There are some wonderful things that came our way," said Krause.

"Instilled in the work of the committee was the real desire to create more community pride. We have come a long ways. And one of things we've talked about a lot, in many circles as we've talked about the celebration, was encouraging people not to be so self denigrating – that we really are an incredible community. We're hoping, of course, that just coming off the Games, people will have that sense of pride."

The committee, which received a budget of \$100,000 from the city and an additional \$72,700 in federal funds, was able to provide \$25,000 in micro grants to community groups to help fund 27 centennial initiatives and activities.

That celebration starts Friday morning at The Exploration Place with an official cake-cutting and press conference.

Those with a sweet tooth can also find cake on Saturday across the city at these times and locations:

- 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Hall during FrancoFun
- 11:30 a.m. at the Railway and Forestry Museum

- 12:30 p.m. at The Exploration Place
- 1:30 p.m. at the Coliseum
- 2:30 p.m. at the Prince George Aquatic Centre
- 6:15 p.m. at the Prince George Playhouse prior to the first showing of the 2015 Cinema CNC festival.

At 2 p.m. Friday, local historian Valerie Giles will launch her new book, *Remembering...*, at Books and Company.

The book, published by CNC Press, is a collection of more than 560 columns on the city's history that Giles wrote between February 1998 and January 2009 in the Prince George Citizen.

The approximately 600-page book took about a year to compile, said CNC Press manager Kathy Plett. There are also about 270 historical photos dug up by The Exploration Place staff.

"The city's success appears to be clearly based on the quality of its citizens and it's nice to have a chance to feature some of them in this publication," Plett said in the book's introduction.

The official anniversary date will be capped off with the Mayor's Volunteer Banquet at the Civic Centre Friday night.

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March 5, 2015 – Prince George Free Press

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Prince George Playbill

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Daybreak North Live Broadcast

On Friday, March 6 (today) CBC radio will be onsite at Cafe Voltaire in Books and Company to broadcast their morning show Daybreak North which starts at 6 a.m. One of the guests on the show is Dr. Valerie Giles who will be talking about her new book Remembering. After Daybreak North has wrapped up their show, B.C. Almanac is going to follow suit and do their live broadcast at 12 p.m.

'Remembering' Book Signing

Local history author Valerie Giles has a book launch today (Friday, March 6) at 2 p.m. at Books and Company for her book Remembering, a celebration of Prince George's storied past, as told in articles written by Giles for her newspaper column in the period 1998 to 2009. The book published by CNC Press comprises over 560 articles about landmark moments in the city's history and covers a broad range of stories from our city's origins and throughout the last century including wartime history, distinguished citizens and industry development.

March 6, 2015, 7:00 am – CBC on-site interviews

CBC on-site, interview with Valerie Giles, Bob Campbell and Trelle Morrow

Audio file: <http://www.cbc.ca/daybreaknorth/00031fbe.mp3>

Daybreak North and B.C. Almanac are broadcasting live from Books and Company



Valerie Giles (left), Bob Campbell (middle), and Trelle Morrow (right) made up a panel to discuss how much the City of Prince George values its history. (CBC)

March 6, 2015, 2:00-5:00 pm – Book Launch at Books & Co.



Books and Company shared their event.

March 6 at 1:02pm · 🌐

You heard (and were hopefully in the shop to see) her on CBC Daybreak North this morning, and now you can come chat with Dr. Valerie Giles in Cafe Voltaire as she launches her new book "Remembering," a collection of Prince George stories as told in articles published in the Prince George Citizen from 1998-2009! Dr. Giles's event will start at 2pm - see you soon!



Author Event: Valerie Giles in Cafe Voltaire

Friday, March 6 at 2:00pm

Books and Company in Prince George, British Columbia

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Valerie Giles

Remembering

From 1998 to 2009, Dr. Valerie Giles documented the colourful and fascinating history of Prince George in over 560 columns in the Prince George Citizen. These columns have now been edited and compiled in her new book. She will be appearing at Books & Company on March 6th at 2pm to meet readers and to discuss the book. Come down and have a coffee with Valerie and find out more about our city! Valerie will also be appearing on CBC earlier in the day.

Date: March 6
Time: 2:00 pm
Tickets: Free



With Bob Campbell (Exploration Place)



With Mayor Lyn Hall



With Kathy Plett (CNC Press)





With Owen Lubbers (Books & Co.)

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About the author

Valerie Giles has a doctorate in political and administrative history. She worked in Ottawa, Hong Kong, and Vancouver before coming to Prince George in 1993. Valerie operates a successful communications consulting business and has contributed as a writer and editor to numerous publications. She is the author of books, historical booklets, and newspaper columns about provincial and local businesses, as well as the long-running "Remembering..." column.

Contributors

The College extends thanks to the Prince George Citizen; the Exploration Place Museum and Science Centre; and the Select Committee on Prince George's 100th Anniversary Celebration. CNC Press is pleased to launch the book in the City of Prince George's 100th Anniversary year in 1915.

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Focus

1h 45m 14A Coarse Language

March 22, 2015 – Prince George Public Library, Jeanne Clarke Memorial Local History Awards



Left to right: Kathy Plett (CNC Press), Valerie Giles (author), Janet Marren (Public Library Director) with the book which was nominated for a Local History Award.

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**March 26, 2015 – Prince George Public Library, “100 Years in Headlines”
with Neil Godbout (PG Citizen) + Valerie Giles (closing remarks, book
signing)**

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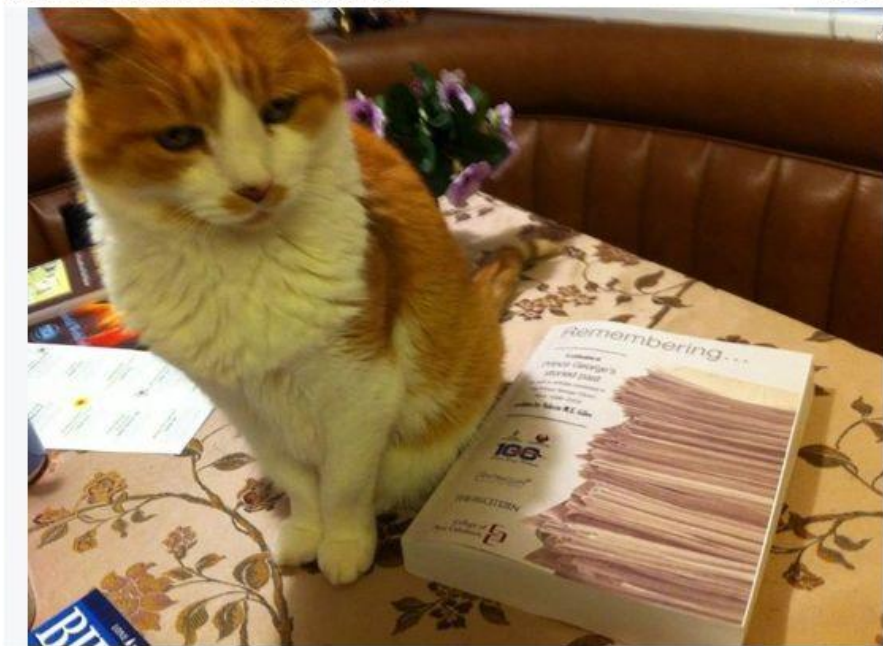
April 1, 2015 – Crazy about Cats page – Kringle poses with the book

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Crazy about Cats

Congratulations to my friend Valerie Giles for her award-winning book! Valerie moved to Prince George, B.C. with about 7 cats, and wrote some articles featuring them. She volunteers with the local animal shelter. Kringle approves!

Album: Books we love

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April 8, 2015 – CNC Connection Newsletter, March 2015 issue

CNC Connection Newsletter - http://www.cnc.bc.ca/Exploring/Services/MES/CNC_Connection.htm



CNC Press celebrates Prince George's 100th



Mayor Lyn Hall joins author Valerie Giles at the launch of the new CNC Press book, "Remembering..." Giles' new book contains over 560 newspaper articles and 270 photos about the city's history, and is a great contribution to Prince George's 100th Anniversary celebrations. Kudos to Jordan Bacon in CNC Communications for the book design/layout. Special thanks to the Prince George Citizen, Exploration Place and the City's 100th Anniversary Committee for their active support. We launched the book on Friday, March 6, 2015 at Books and Company, with line-ups stretching out the door.

The book will also be featured at other city events this year. CNC will host an author reading/book signing event on May 12 during May Days. Watch for the event and register early!

May 2, 2015 – Authors for Indies Day, at Books & Co.

Valerie Giles attended this fun event for “Indies” (Independent Bookstores). Here is a snippet from Books & Company’s pitch to authors.

Authors for Indies Day

Thank you so much for agreeing to take part in Authors for Indies on May 2nd! We're so excited to have so much talent coming through the store in a single day! Authors for Indies is a national grassroots event to help local independent bookstores by becoming volunteer booksellers for a day. Your mission is to come in to Books & Company for a 2-hour shift (or longer if you'd like!), chat with customers, and make a ton of recommendations!

In addition to it being Authors for Indies Day, the store has also been nominated for a cash mob from 11-2pm that day! It's going to be madness! That will mean lots of people to chat with & lots of exposure for your book.

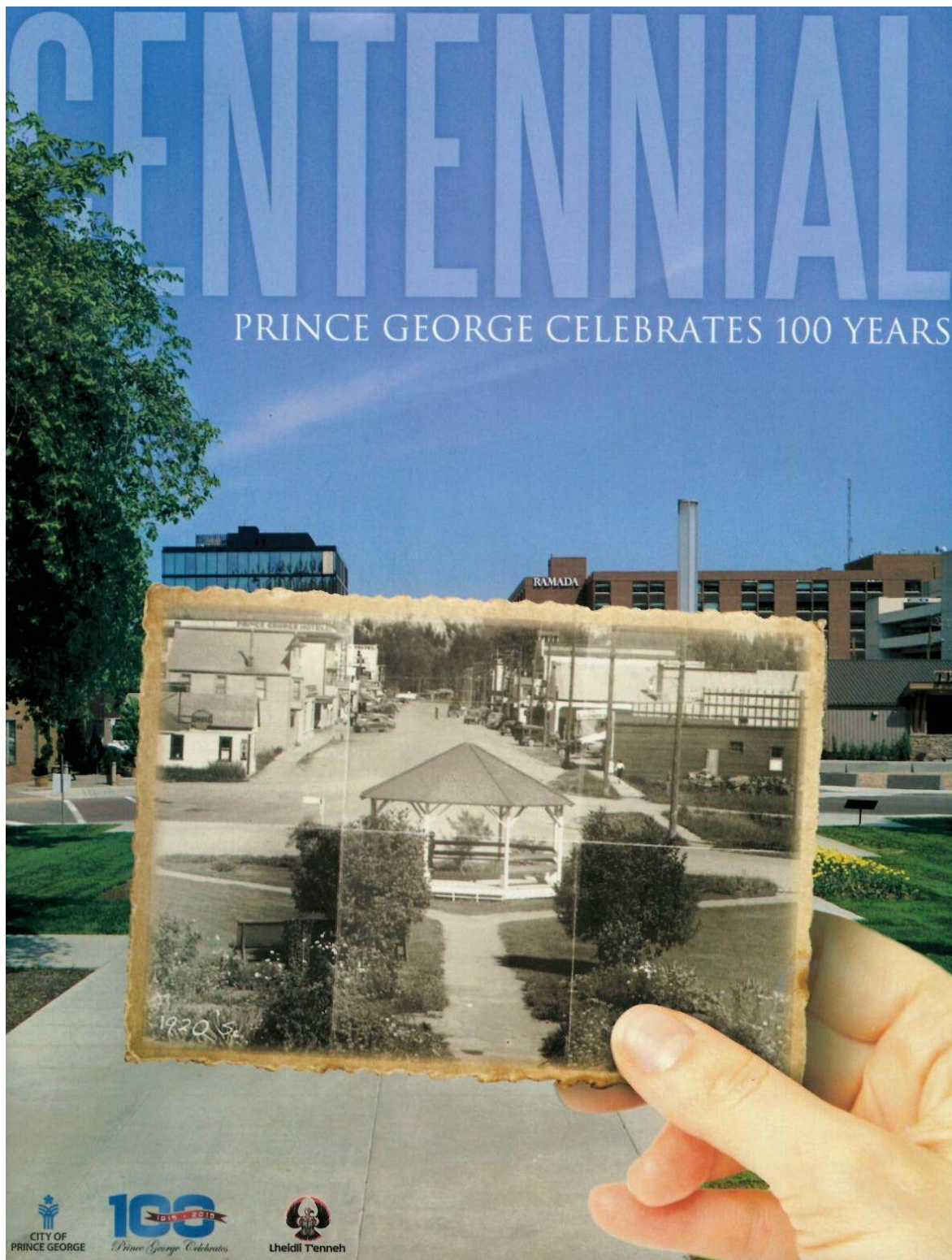


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June 17, 2015 – Centennial: Prince George Celebrates 100 years

magazine with entry from Remembering book, p.44-45

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Growing Together for Over 100 Years



The following is an abridged version of a May 2008 Prince George Citizen article, which was republished by CNC Press in Dr. Valerie Giles' 2015 book "Remembering... A celebration of Prince George's storied past". A full version can be found in this new book.

Sacred Heart Cathedral celebrates 40 years as a diocese and cathedral church on June 5, 2008. Roman Catholic presence in British Columbia dates back to the early 1800's through the work of the missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

The first to visit Fort George was father Modeste Demers, who arrived from Fort Vancouver in 1842 traveling with the Hudson Bay caravan.

Bring the sacraments and the pastoral services to the people was sporadic and infrequent until the settlement at Fort George grew to the point where a church was needed.

The earliest regular Roman Catholic Masses were offered by Father Nicolas Coccola in 1912. With no church yet constructed, the faithful gathered at Birch's Hall in South Fort George. Two years later in 1914, conditions improved with the arrival of Father L. Rivet on August 12th. He got construction underway and the first Roman Catholic Church, located south of the Millar addition, was blessed on September 27th.

Within a decade, the growing population required a larger church to replace the first simple building. The site chosen was the corner of Patricia Avenue and Ontario Street (which has since been re-named Ingledew). That building was consecrated by Bishop Buno of Sacred Heart Church on Christmas Eve 1924. Surviving photographs show the design as a simple roofline fronted with a turret-topped tower at the entrance with a rose window over the main door and round-topped Gothic-style windows shaped "like fingers pointing to Heaven." That white wooden -clad structure remained in use for six decades. It served as a Roman Catholic parish until 1959 when it was sold to the Orthodox Catholics. That congregation moved it to the corner of Seventh Avenue and Brunswick where it was used until 1985.

Prince George Architect Trelle Morrow was contracted in 1958 to design the parish hall for Sacred Heart Church and again in 1961 to design a new church building at 887 Patricia Boulevard. It certainly met the criteria for modern design of its day. Morrow recalls, "That was an interesting building... laminated timber was very popular... and that particular structural system is what's called a two-hinged arch."

Sacred Heart Church was consecrated to the service of God on April 15, 1961 by Bishop Fergus O'Grady, then Bishop of Prince Rupert. The High Mass was followed by a formal banquet attended by Archbishop Grace Jordan from Edmonton, Mayor Garvin Dezell, architect Trelle Morrow, and representatives from Narod Construction.

This abridged 2008 article is an example of the growth of the Roman Catholic Church in Prince George. For the City's 100th Anniversary, Sacred Heart Parish is celebrating 100 years of growing together. On June 28th they invite the community to a BBQ. This annual potluck event has the Parish providing meat while participants are encouraged to contribute salads, desserts or finger food. There will also be balloons popcorn, cotton candy and games starting at 5:30pm.

Main Photo:

The inside of the Sacred Heart Cathedral on February 24, 2014.

Photo by Citizen Photographer Dave Mah

Photo Inset Left:

The new Roman Catholic Sacred Heart Cathedral at 887 Patricia Street in early May, 1961.

Photo Provided by The Exploration Place

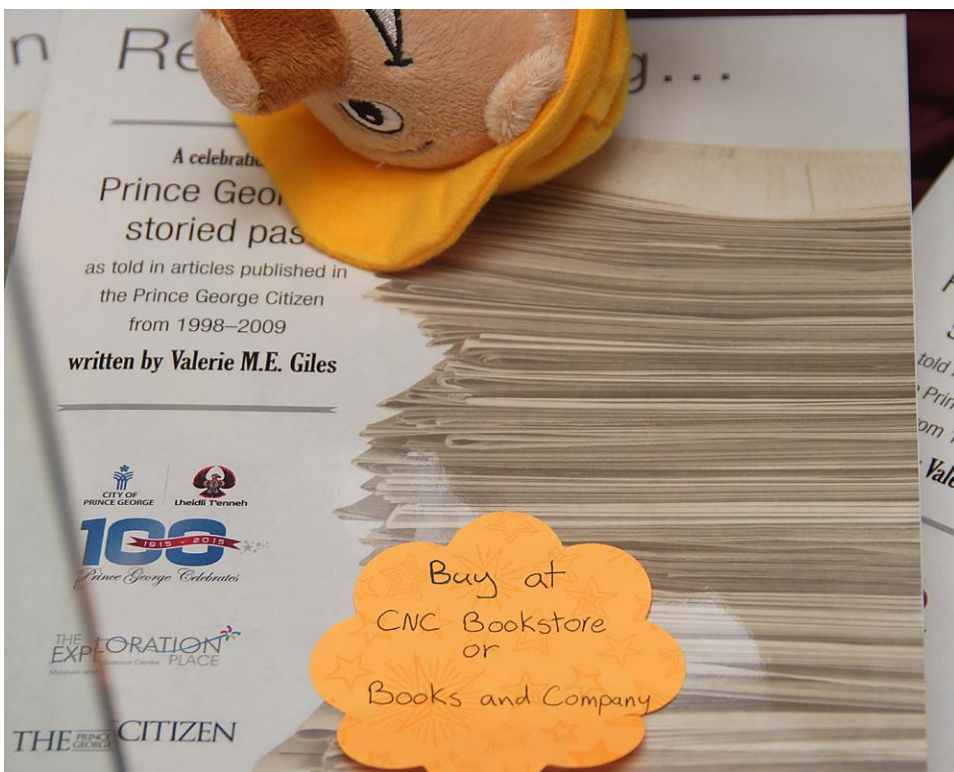
Photo Inset Right:

June 1953 the first communion ceremony at the Sacred Heart Church.

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June 26-Aug 28, 2015 – PG 100 Word Search contest at CNC Library, features “Remembering” word and copies of “Remembering” book

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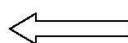


CNC Library Summer Contest Entry Form - Win a Mr PG! – Monthly draws, June 26, July 31, August 28



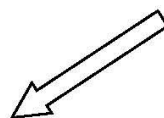
PG 100 Word Search

Did you know that Prince George is 100 years old this year? Here are some words about our city. See if you can spot them...



Check out our summer library display featuring some of the events being held to celebrate PG's 100th birthday and our CNC Press "Remembering" book and a bunch of Mr. PG stuffs

In the word search below look for words in CAPITAL letters. Circle the words - look up, down, left, right, sideways



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- * NORTHERN hardware
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- * SPRUCELAND
- * THE BYPASS
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July 8, 2015 – CPSLD Newsletter, Spring 2014 issue

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August 12-16, 2015 – British Columbia Northern Exhibition

“Remembering” book at Heritage Commission booth with Valerie Giles, Trelle Morrow, Shirley Gratton and Kathy Plett



Sept. 8-Oct. 23, 2015 – CNC Library PG 100 Fall Weekly Contests



Week #6 Contest Entry Form - Win prizes! – Deadline Friday Oct. 23 noon

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Author Valerie Giles signs a copy of her CNC Press book, "Remembering," at the book's launch in March 2015.

PG 100 Word Scramble

Did you know Prince George is 100 years old this year? Celebrations have been going on all year long, and this contest is just part of the fun. Scramble the words, enter to win... Final draw prizes include a Mr PG Stuffy and the CNC Press book about the city's history called "Remembering" – enter to win a copy in the draw – today!

This week's word: R E M E M B E R

Find words. Rearrange the letters to form other words – e.g. E B E can become B E E. Write down your words here. They must be 3 letters or longer. No proper names (caps). Use back of page if needed...

more on back...

Drop in Library Contest Box or email contest@cnc.bc.ca - Deadline Friday Oct. 23 at noon

Your name _____ Phone _____

Check one

- ☐ **CNC Student** 2 weekly prizes from library display case: one for most words + one random draw. Max 2 wins per person in our fall contests. Winners are in grand prize draw Oct. 23
- ☐ **CNC Employee/Community member**
2 weekly prizes of free book coupons: one for most words + one random draw. Max 2 wins per person in our fall contests. Winners are in grand prize draw Oct. 23

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Oct. 5, 2015 – City of Prince George 100 Time Capsule

Remembering book chosen to be in Time Capsule, to be opened in 2115. Also in the Time Capsule are packages and greetings from the College, and from the CNC Students' Union





Oct. 20-Nov. 20, 2015 – CNC Authors, CNC Press library display



February 18, 2017 – Prince George Heritage Fair, at Public Library

